

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD HOUSING EQUITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Guard Housing Equity Act, which would codify into law a new National Guard Bureau (Bureau) policy on housing allowances.

Under federal law, National Guard members who are deployed on active duty for 30 days or less receive the Basic Allowance for Housing Reserve Component (BAH-RC). National Guard members who are deployed on active duty for 31 days or longer receive the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). BAH-RC is less than BAH. This can lead to unfair results.

For example, when District of Columbia National Guard members were deployed to respond to protests in the District last summer, they were originally deployed on orders for less than 30 days, but ended up serving for over 30 consecutive days. However, they only received BAH-RC.

After I raised this issue with the Bureau, the Bureau informed me that it would change the policy to allow a National Guard member who served over 30 consecutive days, no matter the length of their initial deployment orders, to receive BAH. This bill would codify this new policy into law.

This bill would ensure National Guard members receive the full benefits to which they are entitled and ensure that they are not short-changed because of guesswork on how long a deployment might last.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH A. TORMALA

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Joseph A. Tormala, who was recently appointed as a National Americanism Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Through his tireless work ethic and devotion to the common good, Joe has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

A native Yooper, Joe served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps through seven overseas deployments between 1983 and 2004 during the Cold War, Gulf War, and Liberation of Iraq, where he was wounded. His devotion to service continued upon his return home to Michigan, where he has been active as a member and leader of Veterans Service Organizations, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). Formed in 1932, the MOPH is composed entirely of men and

women who have received the Purple Heart award while serving in the Armed Forces. Their Americanism Program works with schools, churches, and other organizations to promote U.S. history and love for our country. In his role as a National Americanism Officer, Joe will help carry out this mission—ensuring future generations always remember the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I ask you to join me in recognizing Joe Tormala for his appointment as National Americanism Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Joe all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. BADIE IBRAHIM NADDY

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Badie Ibrahim Naddy of Columbia, Tennessee.

Badie Ibrahim Naddy grew up in Amman, Jordan and attended the American University of Beirut in Lebanon before coming to the United States as a young man to study as a Fulbright Scholar. He became a Fulbright Scholar (a program that had only recently been established) to pursue his master's degree at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

Continuing his graduate education at Kansas State, he went on to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry. A few years after receiving his doctorate, Dr. Naddy briefly left the United States to serve as the Director of the Analysis Laboratory for the Jordanian government in the mid-1960s.

Dr. Naddy was able to realize his passion for teaching when he returned in 1967 to work as the first chemistry instructor at Tennessee's first community college, Columbia State Community College (CSCC). Over the next 42 years, Dr. Naddy became an American citizen, taught over 5,000 students during his tenure, and built a reputation for being an outstanding instructor who brought out the best in his students and challenged them to learn. He is the proud father of three sons, all of whom have earned doctoral degrees and achieved success in the medical field.

In retirement, Dr. Naddy has been an active philanthropist constantly seeking to aid those in need and create opportunity. Whether using his personal funds to create the STEM Endowment Scholarship and Veterans Endowment Scholarship at CSCC or purchasing UV lights for Maury Regional Emergency Medical Service to disinfect ambulances during the

pandemic, Dr. Naddy exemplifies the spirit of the Volunteer State.

Without question, Dr. Naddy is a true scholar who has dedicated his life to the betterment of others. His life is a testament to the power of the American Dream, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this great American's tireless commitment to educational excellence and helping his community.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations in New Mexico, the 574 federally recognized Tribes across the country, and the Native Hawaiian community to highlight the American Rescue Plan's life-saving support for Tribal Nations, including through the Tribal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. This monumental bill will, among other support, provide \$20 billion of desperately needed assistance to Tribal governments throughout the United States, and uphold the federal government's longstanding trust responsibility.

Many of these communities suffered disproportionately during the pandemic. American Indian and Alaskan Native people were twice as likely to die from COVID-19 compared to white Americans. Long-standing failures in public funding, infrastructure, housing, and access to health care in Indian Country contributed to this crisis of equity.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for securing dedicated Coronavirus Relief Funds for Tribes under the CARES Act last Congress. However, the lack of Tribal consultation and narrow rulemaking during the previous administration severely delayed and prevented many Tribal nations from receiving the help that they needed, when they needed it. This was most apparent by the roadblocks that prevented Tribes from effectively utilizing their economic recovery funds under the CARES Act to make up for the devastating loss of critical governmental revenues given that they lack traditional tax bases enjoyed by state and local governments.

As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States, I'm proud that we secured the largest one-time investment in Native communities in our nation's history in the American Rescue Plan. Importantly, Congress intended to distribute this aid flexibly, allowing Tribes to help their struggling small businesses, address health and economic issues, and preserve their language and culture.

That is why it is so important that the Biden Administration is committed to engage in robust Tribal consultation so that they can distribute these funds in a timely, flexible, and

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equitable manner. I applaud this commitment. It is our responsibility to not only pass legislation that provides life-saving funds for these communities, but also follow through so aid gets to those who need it as quickly as possible. I look forward to working closely with Secretary-designate Deb Haaland and other administration officials to make this happen.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are James Philip Utz, MD, Munachim Ifeoma Uyanwune, MD, Anthony M. Vaca, MD, Lalit Kumar Vadlamani, MD, Verle Valentine, MD, Clayton Gerald Van Balen, MD, Michelle L. Van Beek, MD, Scott Donovan Van Dam, MD, Katherine Marie Van Demark, MD, Robert Eugene Van Demark III, MD, Peter Van Eerden, MD, Jacqueline C. Van Egeraat, MD, John M. Van Erdewyk, MD, Nicolas Jon Van Es, MD, Shawn D. Van Gerpen, MD, Anthony J. Van Goor, MD, Carilyn L. Van Kalsbeek, MD, Scott G. Van Keulen, MD, Russell Aaron Van Maele, DO, Douglas Dale Van Marel, MD, Lucas S. Van Oeveren, MD, Andrew Dean Van Osdol, MD, Nanci J. Van Peurse, MD, Andrew Gerard Van Vugt, MD, Kanya Vanadurongvan, MD, Chardonay Julia Vance, MD, Rebecca S. Vande Kop, MD, Sharon Vande Vegte, DO, Robert E. VanDemark, Jr., MD, Michael Vanden Bosch, MD, Antoinette Vander Pol, MD, Eric Alan Vander Woude, MD, Ashley Jo VanDyke, DO, Sandra L. VanGerpen, MD, William C. VanNess, III, MD, Christopher Sean Vara, MD, Zoltan Varga, MD, Luciano Meza Vargas, MD, Tejaswini Vasamsetty, MD, Peter Vasconcellos, DO, Kevin J. Vaska, MD, Peter John Vasquez, MD, Collin Wayne Vaughn, MD, Kelly Vaughn-Whitley, MD, Jill Quirin Vecchio, MD, Arthur B. Vegh, MD, Sara Beth Veldman, MD, Jared Lee Velgersdyk, MD, Wilfredo G. Veloira, Jr., MD, Michael Vener, MD, Ramesh Venkataraman, MD, Juan Pablo Vera Gomez, MD, Mark Thomas Vercel, DO, William N. Vereen, DO, Vishal Verma, MD, Michael Richard Verneris, MD, Walter Benson Vernon, MD, Eric Gale Verwiebe, MD, Joshua Joseph Vetter, DO, Wendy Ann Vetter, DO, Lisa Elizabeth Vianna, DO, Robert David Vichich, MD, Martin G. Vick, MD, Ernst Emanuel Vieux, MD, Tamara Vik, MD, Joseph S. Villa, MD, Anna Marie Villalobos, MD, Mary Lee Villanueva, MD, Daniel Brennan Vine, MD, Lisa C. Viola, DO, Jessica Lynn Visser, MD, Jonathan Joseph Vitale, DO, Daniel Silcheuk Vitantonio, MD, Oscar Andres Viteri Molina, MD, Dale Elizabeth Vizcarra, MD, Rodney T. Vizcarra, MD, David Leo Vlach, MD, Thuy-Lieu Thi Vo, MD, Joseph Charles Vogel, MD, H. Bruce Vogt, MD, Martin Vincent Vogt, MD, Fred Harold Vohr Jr., MD, Charles Virgil Voigt, MD, Keith A. Vollstedt, MD, Lawrence T. Volz, MD, Tiffany Ann Von Wald, MD, Peter E. Vanderau, MD, Jack Vonk, MD,

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Kathleen Fraasch, Haleigh Francis, Justin Frank, Andrea Franks, Alyssa Frantz, Dylan Fredericksen, Tonya Fredrickson, Georgina Freeman, Jill Freerks, Nicole Frensko, Brenda Frick, Pamela Friede, Julie Friman, Alyssa Friman, Robert Friske, Terese Frost, Keysha Fryer, Laura Fuchs, Chelsea Fuhrer, Justin Fuller, Constance Gaddy, Julie Gaede, Ronald Galvan, Ashley Gammers, Denise Gamble, Chelsey Ganser, Shawna Gardner, Josephine Garneau, Michelle Garner, Sara Garreau, Kaitlyn Garrison, Katie Garry, Tawni Garry, Judy Gaspar, Elizabeth Gasper, Harold Gaston Jr., Katherine Gaub, Deborah Gboeah, Susanne Geary, Theresa Geary, Autumn Gebeke, Shannon Geddes.

Kelly Gederros, Samantha Geditz, Cheryl Geditz, Jessica Geditz, Breyanna Geerdes, Loni Geffre, Kimberly Gehm, Debra Gehrke, Peggy Geiger, Darcie Gentry, Cynthia George, Shannon George, Elaine George, Nancy Geraets, Shelley Gerard, Paige Gerber, Karen Gerdes, Rhonda Gerhard, Karen Gerstenecker, Brenda Gertsema, Lisa Gette, Rachael Getz, Devon Geuke, Susan Gibson, Daren Gibson, Lori Gibson, Lilli Giessler, Lois Gilbert, Danielle Gilbertson, Jane Gilbert, Natalya Gile, Tina Gimpel, JoAna Ginalias, Lilian Giron, Kathryn Gittings, Alexis Glanzer, Jody Glayzer, Paige Gloe, Barbara Goeden, Vicki Goedtko, Terra Goehring, Serenity Goembel, Jordan Goens, Vickie Goertzen, Abby Gogolin, Gregory Goheen, Connie Goldade, Rachael Goldade, Julia Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez-Peralta, Bernadette Good Shield, Rachelle Goodman, Jocelyn Goodman, Deena Goodrich, Kristina Goodwin, Sabrina Goodwin, Karen Gortmaker, Lynn Gottlob, Julie Gottsleben, Kathryn Gottsleben, Rhonda Gourley, Julaine Graham, Carol Graham, Carol Graham, Jennifer Grandpre, Dawn Grant, Chelsey Granum, Megan Grass, Connie Grassel, D'Kera Grassrope, Sandra Gray, Michele Gray, Serena Gray, Desirae Gray, Brenda Graybill, Bridget Green, Miriam Green, Deanna Gregg, Pamela Greiner, Dorothy Griep, Megan Grieser, Tehya Griffith, Kelsey Grijalva-Mendez, Amanda Grimes, Leone Grismer, Rachel Groethe, Jilene Gruenewald, Desiree Grueschow, Moni Gubka, Mackenzie Guerdet, Brandy Guerue, Margaret Guinard, Kelly Gullikson, Karen Gunderson, Jennifer Gunn, Cheri Guse, Stephanie Gutierrez, M'Kenzi Guy, Kara Guyer, Jenny Haan, Kristine Haas, Marlys Haase, Charity Haddican, Juli Hagen, Brooklyn Hagen, Tessa Hagen, Jenine Haggerty, Carol Hagseth, Kelly Hague, Julie Hahler, Diane Hahn, Marilyn Haiar, Rebecca Haisch, Jean Hajek, Tiffany Hales, Arlette Hall, Karen Hall, Jody Hall, Karla Hall, Kimberly Hall, Brandie Halling, Larissa Halls, Alissa Halse, Carrie Halstead, Emily Halstead, Mahayla Halstead, Theona Halverson, Brittany Halvorson, Sarah Hamann, Nayeli Hamann, Ashley Hancock, Kristen Handley, Karla Hanisch, Laurie Hanisch, Jordan Hanley, Amanda Hannasch, Angela Hannasch, Angela Hansen, Debbie Hansen, Tracy Hansen, Darian Hansen, Lindsay Hansen, Sandra Hanson, Elizabeth Hanson, Amber Hanson, Jena Hanson, Jennifer Haper, Cindy Haraldson, Rachelle Hardesty, Jessica Hardwick, Stephanie Hardwick, Doris Harms, Wendy Harper, Megan Harris, Debra Harris, Merla Harrison, Alison Harry, Michelle Harstad, Jessica Hart, Alissa Harte, Shawntel Harte, Debra Hartman, Lexi Hartness, Kristin Hartog, Linda Harty, Julia

Harvey, Marlee Hattervig, Tamora Hatton, Amber Hatwan, Kristine Hauck, Trudy Hauge, Deidra Hauge, Samantha Haugen, Stephanie Haukos, Amanda Haumschild, Dawn Hawes, Kimberly Hawk Eagle, Tammy Hawkins, Carisa Hayes, Dee Hayward, Justine Heath, Ashley Heaton, Courtney Heezen, Caitlin Heffern, Mary Jo Hehn, Lindsey Heidt, Crystal Heier, Gladys Heikes, Tiaunna Heiman, Monica Hein, Michael Hein, Teryl Hein, Tiffany Heinemann, Angela Heinen, Sandra Heinrich, Karley Heirigs, Cassandra Heise, Aimee Heiser, Trisha Heiskell, Rosanne Heitkamp, Lacey Helkenn, Marisa Helkenn, Katherine Heller, Cindy Helling, Judith Hellman, John Hellmann, Olivia Hellwinkel-Rice, Abbey Helmer, Frances Hemenway, Marla Henderson, Mindy Henderson, Lori Hendrickson, Travis Hendrickson, Brittany Henley, Kailee Henseler, Theresia Herding, Kathleen Herding, Julie Hericks, MeLynn Herke, Sharon Herman, Darci Herman, Cheryl Hermanson, Amanda Hernandez, Loreta Hernandez, Crystal Herreid, Samantha Herrold, Dawn Herron, Jayme Hershman, Gail Herting, Peggy Hervi, Tammy Hesser, Mary Hesla, Veronica Hess, Teresa Hessman, Logan Hetland, Tara Hettinger, Debra Hicks, Taylor Hickson, Gemmelynn Hidalgo, Hanna Hieronimus, Candy Higaki, Sheri Higgins, Betheny Highland, Janet Hight, Lori Hill, Shaylee Hill, Brianna Hill, Anitra Hill, Debbie Hillberg, Kathleen Weston, Nicholas Schaefer, Simone Rernleitner, Audrey Smeins, and Debra Matthiesen.

Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. GORDON "GORDIE" LANE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Gordon "Gordie" Lane, who passed away on February 23, 2021. In my district in Central New York, Gordie was a proud and tireless veterans advocate who spent decades working to ensure local veterans and their families received the healthcare and recognition they deserve.

Gordie was a lifelong Syracuse resident, retiree of the Syracuse Police Department, and proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran who served in Vietnam. After returning home from Vietnam, Gordie became acutely aware of the unique hardships facing many of his fellow veterans and the lack of support services available. To provide assistance and guidance, Gordie became a founding member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 103, an organization that works to promote the

general welfare of local Vietnam Veterans and provides support to those attempting to access benefits or services they are due. As a member of the organization, and later as its president, Gordie worked tirelessly with local officials, law enforcement, and veterans' hospitals to bolster access to critical resources and care for local veterans. Over the years, I had the distinct honor of working personally with Gordie and have partnered with him on a number of efforts to support our veterans community.

In addition to his tireless work to address the needs of local veterans, Gordie also passionately worked to recognize their service. Notably, in 1984 Gordie acted as a driving force behind the creation of a local Korea-Vietnam Memorial to commemorate those who served. Today, this memorial serves as a lasting reminder of the great contributions and sacrifices made by local Vietnam and Korean veterans in Central New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Gordon "Gordie" Lane. Through his many years of advocacy, Gordie has undoubtedly made a positive impact in the lives of hundreds of local veterans. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we celebrate his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY DAY 2021

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty Day, a celebration of our rights and liberties as Americans which are rooted in the cherished documents that gave birth to our nation, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. Today, March 16th, marks the 270th birthday of the Father of our Constitution, James Madison, making this year's Liberty Day particularly noteworthy.

In 2000, Congress passed a resolution that Liberty Day should be celebrated each year as a remembrance of both the freedom that Americans were given in the Declaration of Independence and the extraordinary rights and liberties that Americans were given in their Constitution. The American experiment is unique in history, creating a republic of people united by a set of values, not by blood or land. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness bind Americans together, not our race or ethnicity.

In addition to serving as the Fourth President of the United States, James Madison was crucial to the formation of our country. President Madison authored the Virginia Plan, the model and basis for the United States Constitution. Later, during the 1st Congress of the United States, President Madison introduced the Bill of Rights, whereupon the first ten amendments of the Constitution were adopted. His other contributions, such as authoring many of the Federalist Papers, also deserve our recognition. Due to his essential role in the creation of our nation, Congress designated March 16th, Madison's birthday, as Liberty Day.

In celebration of Liberty Day, I would encourage all Americans to read, learn, and discuss the Constitution with their friends and

family. After doing so consider contacting your Representative, Senators, and President to share your views. All elected officials, whether they serve at the federal, state, or local level, should look to the Constitution as they go about their duty of governing this great nation.

The revered documents that gave birth to our nation always deserve our celebration, but the 270th birthday of James Madison makes today especially significant. To mark this historic occasion, I encourage Americans to take today to learn about our nation's history and its founding documents. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me to celebrate Liberty Day.

IN HONOR OF FRANCINE GREGORY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Francine Gregory, who is being honored for her efforts as the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) New Hampshire State President over the past year. VFW works to ensure that all veterans are congratulated and recognized for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Despite serving under unprecedented circumstances, President Gregory ensured VFW could continue fulfilling its mission of supporting New Hampshire's veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Born and raised in Jaffrey, President Gregory currently lives in Rindge, where she is a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who is deeply committed to supporting veterans in her community. Her father, Sylvio Edward, served in the United States Army during World War II. Her father's service informed President Gregory's own passion for giving back to veterans and their families.

Since 1999, President Gregory has been involved with VFW Auxiliary Post 5613 in Jaffrey. Over the years, she has served in leadership roles at Post 5613 and District 5 before taking on a statewide leadership as Department Guard in 2015. Since then, she has risen through the ranks of VFW-NH, culminating with her service as State President this past year.

In addition to her service as State President, President Gregory remains the Secretary for Auxiliary Post 5613. Beyond her involvement with VFW, she has had a long career across several sectors—in 1992, she also became an LNA and began serving her community as a provider of home health care and community services.

Devoted to her community and her family, President Gregory also served as a Girl Scout leader for 12 years and today, as she embarks on semi-retired life, she finds no greater joy than spending with, and celebrating the accomplishments of, her beautiful family.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Francine Gregory for her longstanding devotion to our state and our Veterans. I congratulate her on a successful term as State President and thank her for all that she has done, and will continue to do, to support Granite State veterans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SHERIFF SCOTT STRAIT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of Sheriff Scott Strait, who recently retired after serving the people of Mackinac County for nearly 35 years. Through his selflessness and devotion to the common good, Scott has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

After graduating from Lake Superior State University, Scott began his work at the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office on April 28, 1986. In his service he worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those in Mackinac County and across Michigan. He also continued his professional growth while working full time, earning his Master of Public Administration from Northern Michigan University in 2001. Scott has been an active leader throughout the state, serving on multiple statewide boards and councils including the Board of Directors for the Michigan Sheriffs Association. He also served as President of the Association in 2013 and previously sat on the outreach committee of the National Sheriffs Association. He has been honored for his selflessness on multiple occasions, including earning the rank of Master Sheriff in 2019 and being named Sheriff of the Year in October of 2020. Scott's tireless dedication to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I ask you to join me in honoring the service of Scott Strait. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Scott all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE LIVENGOD FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Steve Livengood to the U.S. Capitol Historical Society and his decades of service educating the public about the history of this institution.

Congress chartered the United States Capitol Historical Society (USCHS) to "foster and increase an informed patriotism" in our nation's citizenry. Steve Livengood is a leader in executing that important mission. Those across the Congressional community and around the country have benefited from Steve's expertise. For a quarter-century, Steve provided continuing education and talks about the Capitol and Congress, giving briefings before every Presidential Inauguration, as well as offering background information and perspective to tourism professionals and the press. Additionally, Steve is considered the go-to expert on Capitol Ghosts and is one of the few people to publicly admit that he has

seen the ghost of John Quincy Adams in Statuary Hall.

Since 1996, Steve has served as a full-time Capitol tour guide, volunteer coordinator, and director of other public programs for USCHS. He led tours for notable entertainers such as Harrison Ford, Robert Duvall, and Martha Stewart; foreign dignitaries like the Attorney General of Italy, the President of Hungary, and at least one current crowned head of a prominent European country. Steve also guided tours for titans of industry such as the President of The Ford Motor Company, Indra Nooyi, President of PepsiCo, and several hedge-fund managers through the halls of the Capitol. When the Capitol was closed to public tours after the 9/11 attack, Steve organized the first regular public tours around the Capitol grounds to allow visitors an opportunity for a guided interpretive tour despite the building's closure.

Steve's contributions to USCHS extend far beyond leading tours. He served as the co-organizer of the We the People Constitution Tour program for DC Public School students, which helps Washington middle schoolers experience the Constitution as embodied in the buildings and work of their city. Furthermore, Steve wrote the We the People Constitution Tour Program's Capitol script and personally led tours for upwards of ten thousand students over roughly fifteen years. When COVID-19 closed the Capitol to visitors, Steve helped to develop the Society's virtual learning series exploring the history of the Capitol and the Capitol Hill neighborhood—a series now attended by Congressional staff and alumni, as well as history buffs from around the country.

Steve became a member of USCHS in 1973 and participated in many of their programs over the following two decades. His involvement increased dramatically in 1993 when he began serving as a USCHS volunteer tour guide. Fondly remembering the tours he'd given as a college student, Steve quickly became one of the most active tour volunteers for the Society. As the Society grew, Steve jumped at the opportunity to take a tour program position. Steve became the Society's first employee dedicated solely to organizing the tour program, later taking on such additional responsibilities as sales of USCHS calendars to Members' offices in the House and Senate.

Steve Livengood's passion for the Capitol began when he was just twelve and his parents tasked him with planning an educational vacation. Over the next two years, he arranged for his family to visit Washington, D.C. During the trip Steve became so enamored with the city that he chose D.C. as his college home, attending American University to study Political Science and Government.

While enrolled at American University, Steve leveraged a Kansas connection into volunteering with his Congressman Joe Skubitz. He spent Saturday mornings working on the second floor of the Cannon House Office Building doing such things as rubberstamping "From the Office of Congressman Joe Skubitz, Kansas 5th District" on copies of the official Capitol guidebooks to be distributed to constituents and other visitors.

During spring break, the staff offered Steve a paid opportunity. From 1965 until his graduation in 1968, Steve worked part-time in Mr. Skubitz's office and full time during the summer of 1967. His favorite task was giving tours

of the Capitol building for constituents and visitors.

After a short, involuntary tour in Southeast Asia, Steve ventured to Emory University where he received a Master's in recent social history. Along with his studies, he served as Speaker in the Emory University Student Legislature and student body Vice President.

Steve returned to Washington in 1973 for his dissertation research, titled "Scandals in the 1938 Senate Elections and the Passage of the Hatch Act." Steve worked for various groups organizing many programs and meetings on Capitol Hill for political and policy organizations before he came to work for the Society. Steve Livengood dedicated his career to the belief that the United States Capitol is the Temple of Democracy for the world, and that Congress is the most important example of how to implement a representative democracy. Steve Livengood proudly claims that the United States government serves as the best example of government for all of humankind. We salute his 25 years of service to the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, and look forward to many more years of tours and public history lessons.

RECOGNIZING DANA BRISTOL-SMITH AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Oceanside resident and Executive Director of Leap to Success Dana Bristol-Smith, as my March Constituent of the Month. March is Women's History Month, a chance to celebrate and pay tribute to women and all the ways they have made profound impacts on our nation. While we use this opportunity to commemorate phenomenal women of the past and present, I am honored to include Dana in the celebrations, a woman who has dedicated her life to uplifting women every single day right here in my district.

Dana started her Leap to Success Women's Leadership program in 2008 after learning of the correlation between domestic violence victims' lack of self-confidence and their ability to avoid returning to abusive partners. In response to this discovery, she developed a program to help these women own their power and start living for themselves again. Her program brought immense success and joy from the participating women, and from then on, she made it her mission to expand Leap to Success to as many women as she can.

With helpful guidance and an environment full of encouragement and love, Dana's goal is for women who may be in abusive situations to discover the courage to find their voice, own their worth, and feel empowered to move forward in life. Dana's community of supporters help women realize that their past is nothing to be ashamed of, but rather, an opportunity to create a brighter and healthier future. While there is so much more we must do to prevent domestic violence, I am grateful for leaders like Dana whose passion and heart creates hope and inspiration for women. I am honored to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month.

U.S. ELECTION PRACTICES: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, this chamber recently passed H.R. 1, the "For the People Act," significant legislation making it easier for American citizens to vote in U.S. elections and improve transparency and accountability in our election process. The White House also recently announced a new executive order to assist this effort. These are positive developments that I welcome and support, but, as we all know, not everything regarding the conduct of elections can be done at the federal level. Unfortunately, many state legislatures are now undertaking efforts that would make it more difficult for eligible Americans to participate in the electoral process and vote.

As Chair and in the leadership of the Helsinki Commission, I have supported the positive steps we are trying to take on this issue, yet I remain deeply concerned about those who want to move our country backward.

Perhaps it would help our debate to look at the conduct of the 2020 U.S. elections from an international perspective, including the conduct of elections in conformity with international commitments first proposed and advocated by the United States more than 30 years ago.

The United States has been one of five countries thus far where the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has observed elections during the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, and a German parliamentarian reported on its findings on February 26. He did not point fingers at us and accuse. He mentioned the positive as well as the negative. He is clearly a friend who cares, as most of the OSCE observers undoubtedly were.

As a previous election observer in the OSCE region, I can also attest, that the code of conduct makes it is extremely unlikely that the OSCE election observation could be steered in support of any particular agenda other than better democracy.

I therefore want to commend to my colleagues the full OSCE Final report "United States of America General Elections, 3 November 2020, ODIHR Limited Election Observation Mission", which can be found at https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/7/7/477823_2.pdf. It offers an important perspective on our elections from persons who rightly care about the process, not the result. They have observed not only our elections since 2002 but elections in dozens of other countries on a regular basis.

The issues raised in the report are the same issues we Americans debate here in Washington, in our state capitals and through the media. I take the conclusions and recommendations, including criticisms, in this election observation report seriously. It serves as a helpful guide on what next steps we should take to improve our electoral system. I believe our election officials and state legislators should read this report; indeed, I recommend it to any American who cares about his or her country. It is a broad snapshot of our entire, complex electoral system.

Several of the priority recommendations in the report deal with voting rights and voter identification. Specifically, it says that "authori-

ties should review existing measures to further reduce the number of unregistered voters, including addressing burdensome procedures and obstacles faced by disadvantaged groups." It also says that "states should make every effort to ensure that voter identification requirements are equally accessible to all voters." It also makes specific recommendations regarding specific groups of American citizens.

We do not need to agree about every conclusion and recommendation in this report to take it seriously. It is a contribution to our debates from a unique perspective. Moreover, our acceptance of international observation serves a useful function in our foreign policy. OSCE election observation has encouraged practices giving voters a real choice in numerous other countries, many of which were once repressive, one-party communist states but are now our friends and even, in some cases, allies. The United States initiated this effort with the OSCE and contributes significantly to election observation missions elsewhere, providing the expertise that comes with our experience. If we are to encourage other governments to take this effort seriously and implement recommendations, we need to set the example ourselves. Unfortunately, several U.S. states greatly restrict or even prohibit international observation. This is something which must change as we prepare for mid-term elections in 2022 and general elections in 2024.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF JEAN ZARANKO

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jean Zaranko on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Mrs. Zaranko was born on June 10, 1926. She was raised in Taylor Township, Michigan. She completed school up to 8th grade and then worked as an elevator operator at the Griswold Building in Downtown Detroit but felt like she needed to do something more for her country during World War II.

At the age of 17 she altered her birth certificate in order to join the war effort at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti Township. Jean was originally hired as a welder but became a riveter, working on the center wing of the B-24 and sometimes slipping notes into the wings for servicemen to find. As a Rosie the Riveter, Jean's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women.

She came to meet her first husband Moscow Lambert after a man at a bus stop at Willow Run had broken his glasses and asked for assistance in writing to his son who was serving overseas. This began a two-year affair, constantly exchanging calls and letters until they finally met one day at the Train Depot in Detroit where he proposed to her that day. Together, they had four sons and were married for nine years before Moscow passed away due to an accident at the steel plant where he worked. She later married Mr. Zaranko and they were together for 52 years.

A proud Rosie, even now she has remained an active member of our community. She feels

that she is here to give her time and efforts to others when they need it and is God's tool to help others. Her lifelong commitment to service reminds us all of the impact that the Rosies have had on our state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Jean Zaranko on her 95th birthday. I join with her family, including twenty grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren, and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RENA
ANN GEORGE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rena Ann George, a beloved resident of Winslow, Arizona, who passed away last month.

In 2019, my staff and I had the privilege of visiting Rena and her husband, Herbert, at their home in Winslow. During this visit, I spoke with Rena and Herbert about the impacts they experienced over the past four decades as a result of their forced relocation following the 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with the George family, learn about their life, and see some of Rena's beautiful arts and crafts.

Throughout her life, Rena dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her family, her many communities, and her arts and crafts business.

Her kindness, warmth, and hard work have made a profound impact on her community and her loved ones.

Pat and I are keeping Rena's family, friends, and the entire Winslow community in our prayers as we mourn her passing.

IN HONOR OF MRS. CORDELIA
LEWIS-BURKS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor my mentor and friend, Mrs. Cordelia Lewis-Burks, a remarkable Hoosier who has dedicated her life to the service of others. Throughout her career, Ms. Cordelia has fought tirelessly for inclusion, equality, and justice through the election of qualified diverse individuals.

Ms. Cordelia discovered a love of politics from an early age, inspired by her father who was a pastor in West Virginia. Recognizing the importance of policy as a means to help her community, she engaged in political efforts as a young woman after moving to Chicago by volunteering for a local Congressional campaign.

In 1959, Ms. Cordelia moved to Indiana where she worked as a licensed practical nurse for two decades before accepting an in-

ternship with the A. Philip Randolph Institute. She next embarked on a career with the senior constituency group of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Ms. Cordelia continued her work with unions for many years. In 1989, she served as chief lobbyist for the Indiana branch of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME), and then as the Director of Politics and Legislation until 2005.

Ms. Cordelia served as a precinct committeewoman in the 7th Congressional District of Indiana for forty years, promoting the importance of voting. She has worked on local and national campaigns, including Bill Clinton's 1996 presidential campaign and Barack Obama's 2004 Illinois senate campaign. On March 20, 2021 she will end her 15 year tenure as the Vice-Chair for the Indiana Democratic Party.

Ms. Cordelia has been honored as one of the City of Indianapolis's 100 most influential Black citizens and has received Indiana's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. She is also a recipient of the Rosa Parks award, Rosa Parks Trail Blazer Award, as well as the Sojourner Truth Award.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding achievements and remarkable life of an Indiana treasure, Mrs. Cordelia Lewis-Burks and extend our best wishes for her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF GERRY PELISSERO

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of Gerry Pelissero, who recently retired after serving the people of Gogebic County as the clerk of court and register of deeds for more than two decades. Through his tireless work ethic and devotion to the common good, Gerry has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

A U.P. native, Gerry graduated from Bessemer's A.D. Johnston High School in 1977. After studying broadcasting at the Brown Institute in Minneapolis, Gerry returned to Gogebic County to become a radio personality and sports director at WUPM in Ironwood. Following his career in radio, Gerry worked as an agent with Prudential Financial for 11 years before deciding to run for county clerk in January of 2000. He would go on to win the election and serve five terms in office as clerk of court and register of deeds for Gogebic County. In this role, Gerry oversaw the modernization of the clerk's office—moving from phone calls and faxes to email and other digital technology. His dedication and leadership allowed the county's functions—including the courts and administering elections—to run smoothly, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I ask you to join me in honoring the career and service of Gerry Pelissero. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Gerry all the best in his future endeavors.

WELCOMING THE MS. ARKANSAS
SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of the Ms. Arkansas Senior America Pageant in the State of Arkansas and welcome the competitors to my hometown of Hot Springs.

The Ms. Senior America Pageant seeks to improve the lives of seniors and those around them by advocating for personal growth through continuing higher education and community service. Celebrating "the Age of Elegance," this pageant seeks to promote the value of our senior citizens' experience and wisdom, while choosing someone who represents the dignity, beauty, and contributions of the elderly to our communities.

I thank the reigning Ms. Arkansas Senior America and Fourth District native, Ms. Sharon Morgan Tahaney, for her service in the last year. After years of writing and speaking on leadership, Ms. Tahaney now represents the State of Arkansas with grace. I believe she was right when she said that "there are no limits in life based on age, just on attitude." She, along with an organization led by Ms. Pattie Genovese, is working hard to expand this year's State competition in hopes of providing a larger platform for senior ladies to share their wisdom, experiences, and knowledge.

I take this time today to celebrate the work of this organization and its leaders and welcome them all to Hot Springs. It is my hope that our nation will derive from them a beautiful example of perseverance, hard work, and service.

IN HONOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
KENTUCKY RIFLE TEAM

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Harry Mullins and the members of the University of Kentucky Rifle Team on winning the 2021 NCAA Rifle National Championship. This is the third national title for the outstanding program, located in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Wildcats were undefeated and ranked number one in the country last season when the COVID-19 pandemic caused the NCAA Championships to be canceled. These impressive student-athletes stayed focused throughout the 2021 season and earned the championship on March 13 in Columbus, Ohio. Mary Tucker, named Most Outstanding Performer at the event, earned gold in both the smallbore and air rifle. Teammate Will Shaner earned silver in air rifle.

Coach Harry Mullins has led the Rifle Team at the University of Kentucky since 1987. I thank him for his leadership and his dedication to these student-athletes. He has built an excellent program of which all Kentuckians can be proud.

Congratulations to Coach Mullins, the staff, and the members of the Rifle Team on winning the 2021 NCAA Rifle National Championship.

CELEBRATING THE 91ST BIRTHDAY
OF GERALD L. POTTER SR.

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I rise with immense pride to celebrate the 91st birthday of my grandfather, Gerald L. Potter Sr.

Gerald is a resident of Allegheny Township in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. As a veteran, Gerald served in the United States Air Force and as a reservist at the 911th Airlift Wing in southwestern Pennsylvania. During his military service, he met his wife of fifty years, my grandmother Eileen M. Potter, a lieutenant in the Air Force Nursing Corps. Continuing his dedication to service, Gerald attended the West Penn Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in their first male class. My grandfather's service and mentorship played a critical role throughout my childhood, during my service in the United States Navy, and his example continues to guide my work on behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, Gerald L. Potter Sr. has lived a life of distinction and remains an incredible presence in my life, our family and friends, and his community. It is with great joy that I wish him a happy 91st birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIKA DYER'S
SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Erika Dyer, and her dedicated service to Virginia's First Congressional District. After eight months with my D.C. office, Erika will be leaving this week to pursue a new position.

Erika has been an invaluable asset to my D.C. Staff, serving as my Communications Director. Erika joined the team during the COVID-19 pandemic, and she was immediately committed to delivering timely and understandable information and resources to constituents in Virginia's First Congressional District. Erika is extremely talented and hardworking and is consistently finding new and innovative ways to effectively communicate with constituents. Erika is also a friend to all and is always willing to be a resource for other staff.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Erika for her hard work and dedication not only to the office, but to all constituents in Virginia's First District. Erika has a bright future ahead and I wish her the best in her career.

HONORING GEORGE HARVEY SR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor George Harvey Sr. of Radford, Virginia, who passed away on February 24, 2021 at the age of 92. Mr. Harvey's life was a true American success story, in which he rose from hard beginnings to great accomplishments in business and then drew upon them to give back to his community.

Mr. Harvey was born on May 31, 1928 in Mann, West Virginia. His family moved to a farm in Montgomery County, Virginia in 1932. As a child, he walked two miles to attend school. When attending Auburn High School, he had to walk two miles to catch the bus, and if his responsibilities of milking the farm's cows delayed him from catching the bus, he had to walk five miles more to school.

After graduating from Auburn in 1945, Mr. Harvey joined the United States Air Corps and was deployed to Fairbanks, Alaska. He passed on the chance to attend West Point and opted instead to return home to Southwest Virginia. He enrolled in National Business College in Roanoke, majoring in Business and Accounting.

Mr. Harvey began his career by operating a gas station, followed by a Texaco Oil Distributing Business and a used car dealership. In 1957, he became a General Motors Chevrolet dealer in Christiansburg. The next year, he bought an Oldsmobile dealership, and in 1959, he purchased a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac franchise in Radford. His business grew through the decades, earning him millions and providing jobs to many in the region. In 1989, it added a Pontiac-Buick dealership as well. He took the obligations that came with wealth and job creation seriously. According to the Roanoke Times, he said in 2009 that the number he was proudest of was zero, which was the number of employees he had laid off over the then-50-year history of Harvey's Chevrolet Cadillac Buick.

Many local organizations and causes benefited from Mr. Harvey's support. At Radford University, he was the second president of the foundation and the chairman of the Business and Economics Department, driving the creation of a certified School of Business. He was chairman of the board at Radford Community Hospital, now Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Other roles he held in the community included president of the Chamber of Commerce; Vice President of First & Merchants National Bank in Radford; past president of the New River Dealers Association, Kiwanis Club and Retail Merchants Association; past chairman of United Fund and the Michelle "Petie" Lineberry Heart Recipient Fund Drive; past vice president of the Southwest Virginia Health Services; board member of the Virginia automobile Dealers Association, the Commonwealth Dealers Life Insurance Association, and Saint Albans Psychiatric Hospital; and Elder and member of The Presbyterian Church of Radford.

Mr. Harvey's survivors include his wife of 61 years, Juanita Kirk Harvey, five children, and

grandchildren. I would like to offer my condolences to them on the loss of this great businessman and community leader.

IN HONOR OF DARWIN BEEMAN

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darwin Beeman, who is being honored for his work as the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) New Hampshire State Commander over the past year. VFW works to ensure that all veterans are recognized for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Despite facing unprecedented circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Commander Beeman worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's veterans remained supported and connected to the community during these challenging times.

Raised in Barrington, Commander Beeman graduated from Spaulding High School in 1976, before attending New Hampshire Vocational Technical College, where he gained an associate degree in Industrial Electricity in 1978.

In 1991, Commander Beeman joined the U.S. Navy Reserve Seabee's, serving honorably for nearly 22 years. During his service, he deployed to Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and again from 2008 to 2009 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Commander Beeman earned many accolades during his decades of service, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (x3), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (x5), National Defense Service Medal (x2), Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Star & Eagle, Globe & Anchor, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hour Glass and "M" Device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (x2), Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (x2), Expert Rifleman Medal, and Expert Pistol Shoot Medal.

While deployed to Iraq in 2005, Commander Beeman joined the VFW and, upon his return, joined Post 8497 in Charlestown, NH in 2006. He later served as District 2 Commander for a decade before serving in leadership roles at the state level, culminating in his current role over the past year.

Commander Beeman and his wife, Terry, currently live in Claremont, and are the proud parents of three and grandparents of six.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Commander Beeman for his service to our country and his dedication to his fellow veterans. I congratulate him on his successful term as State Commander, and I thank him for all he does to make sure that veterans in our state are remembered and valued.

STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING AND
RECALCULATION ACT OF 2021**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the bipartisan "Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculation Act" to address the ballooning student loan debt crisis crippling millions of Americans and their families. I thank my bipartisan co-lead Congressman FITZPATRICK (R-PA) and the other original cosponsors for their support.

This legislation would allow students to refinance their federal student loan interest rates, lower future student loan interest rates, eliminate origination fees on student loans, delay student loan interest rate accrual for low-income and middle-class borrowers while they are pursuing their education, and allow for borrowers in medical, veterinary or dental residencies to defer payments until the completion of their professional accreditation program.

With over 45 million Americans burdened by student loan debt, the education debt crisis has reached an epidemic level. The total student loan debt in America has reached nearly \$1.7 trillion according to the Federal Reserve.

The need to service these debt loads often prevents graduates from making important purchases like houses or cars, and it also can make people more hesitant to take risks like starting a new business. Cumulatively, this mountain of debt slows down our economy and makes it less entrepreneurial, productive, and vibrant.

Most student loan debt is owed to the federal government, at interest rates of up to 5.30 percent or more for earlier loans. That percentage far exceeds the market rate for most government loans or U.S. Treasury bonds. Americans with student loans should be able to reasonably refinance their debt just as they would for a mortgage or any other consumer loan.

The "Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculation Act," which I have sponsored since the 114th Congress, would relieve some of the debt burden faced by American students and their families, while also ensuring that the federal government is not making a profit on the backs of students.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of the House to join us in cosponsoring the "Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculation Act" and to work to address this crisis facing so many Americans.

THE ONGOING IMPORTANCE OF
THE WORK OF THE U.S. HELSINKI
COMMISSION IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the work of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission and its continued importance in addressing chal-

lenges in our country and abroad. For over four decades, the Helsinki Commission has championed human rights, democracy, and comprehensive security across the 57 North American, European, and Central Asian countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). As Chair of the Helsinki Commission during the 116th Congress, I worked with my House and Senate colleagues to continue the Commission's longstanding efforts to monitor participating States compliance with the Helsinki Accords.

The importance of election observation in our country and abroad, restorative justice, the safety of journalists, and the global impact of George Floyd's tragic death on racial justice efforts were just some of the issues the Commission addressed last Congress, in addition to our continued focus on Russia, Ukraine, the Balkans and continued democratic development in the region.

As we continue our work of the 117th Congress, I invite you to review the report: "Retrospective On The 116th Congress" at <https://www.csce.gov/international-impact/retrospective-116th-congress> and <http://www.csce.gov/sites/helsinkicommission.house.gov/files/116th%20Congress%20Report%20Final.pdf>.

This report summarizes the Commission's activities, as well as recommendations critical for the continued promotion of democracy and U.S. national security.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to continuing this critically important work during the 117th Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF BILL SPEER**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Bill Speer, who retired as the publisher and editor of The Alpena News after 42 years in journalism. Through his tireless work ethic and devotion to his community, Bill has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

After graduating from West Virginia University in 1978, Bill began his career in journalism working at The Wheeling Intelligencer, where he was initially responsible for covering local governments and the area's steel and coal industries. His skills as a writer and reporter were recognized quickly, as he was named Ohio Bureau Editor of The Intelligencer just three years later. In 1988, he and his wife Diane moved to Alpena, Michigan, where he would serve as the editor of The Alpena News. As the paper's head, Bill oversaw its transition to new ownership, the move from an evening to a morning publication, an expanded Weekend Edition, and the rise of the internet in modern journalism. Bill's dedication and effective leadership has allowed The Alpena News to thrive today. His commitment to the Alpena community and the state of Michigan touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I ask you to join me in recognizing the career of Bill Speer. Michiganders can take

great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Bill all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY DAY
2021**HON. LAUREN BOEBERT**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Liberty Day, which falls on the 270th Birthday of the Father of the Constitution, James Madison. Our Founders understood the importance of citizen-led government and the power of "We the People." The spirit of liberty is forever enshrined in the documents that gave birth to our Nation. I am honored to recognize the rights and liberties of the American people protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights this Liberty Day.

For the past 21 years, our Nation has celebrated Liberty Day to honor the American liberty recognized by our founding documents. In 2000, Congress passed a resolution designating March 16th, Madison's birthday, as Liberty Day. James Madison's ideas in the Federalist Papers, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights were vital in the founding of our Nation. He served as the Fourth President of the United States and committed his life to affirm Americans' rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

President Madison's legacy and his vision for our Nation persists through the lives of Americans throughout this great country. I took an oath to my constituents to uphold these values by supporting and defending the Constitution. Today is a great reminder to remember the Constitution as elected officials throughout this great Nation fulfill our duty.

In honor of Liberty Day, I encourage all Americans to learn and celebrate our Nation's history. Our Founders' vision lives on through the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and Bill of Rights. These documents continue to empower Americans to reap the benefits of our flourishing society rooted in freedom and liberty. I urge all Americans to take the time today to read and study these documents that empower the continuation of American ideas and values. Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me to celebrate Liberty Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF STELLA PRUSAK**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stella Prusak on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Her significant contributions to our community is worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Prusak was born in Coldwater, Poland on May 5, 1921 and came to the United States at only six months old. She was raised in Detroit, Michigan and attended St. Hedwig and Condon Schools until 10th grade. At the

age of 15 she went to work in the kitchen at Marygrove College to help out her family. While working, she continued to attend night school taking business classes.

In 1942, Mrs. Prusak went to work with her father on the assembly line at Ford Motor Company in Detroit working on transmissions for aircrafts. The next year, she transferred to a General Motors Plant where she worked as a riveter on the wings of the B-29. As a Rosie the Riveter, Stella's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women.

After the war, she moved to California for work but before long she returned to Michigan to marry Mr. Walter Prusak and they settled in Allen Park. Together they had three children, two sons and one daughter. A proud Rosie, Mrs. Prusak continued to be a working woman and was employed by Burroughs and many other places as a file clerk. Known by friends for her kindness, generosity, and lucky streak at the casino, she has remained an active member of our community. Her lifelong commitment to service reminds us all of the impact that the Rosies have had on our state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Stella Prusak on her 100th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.

THE PASSING OF 46TH FIRST
LADY OF INDIANA, SUSAN BAYH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of Susan Bayh, 46th First Lady of Indiana, who passed on February 6, 2021. Susan is survived by her husband, former Indiana Governor and United States

Senator Evan Bayh, twin sons Beau and Nick as well as her parents and two siblings.

At 29 years of age, Susan became the 46th First Lady for the State of Indiana and the youngest First Lady of Indiana. She worked tirelessly to support her husband, Evan Bayh, in his work. She also worked hard to advance her own priorities as First Lady, focusing on important causes like combating adult illiteracy.

Professionally, Susan served on the boards for several biotech, telecommunications, and healthcare companies. She was on the board of Trustees for Butler University, on the Dean's Council at Indiana University's Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and she taught at both Butler University and her alma mater, the University of Southern California. In 1994, Susan was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the International Joint Commission and served for six years.

Susan was a loving wife, married to Evan for more than 36 years, a proud mother of twin sons, Beau and Nick, and a beloved child, sibling, and friend. She will be remembered by Hoosiers for her commitment to our state, and for the barriers she helped break for women throughout her distinguished career. We also commend her courageous fight against the cancer that took her life. I will continue supporting cancer research and advocacy to honor people like Susan Bayh and help save lives in the future.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Susan Bayh. She leaves behind a legacy of outstanding accomplishments, as well as a deep connection with her community and those whose lives she touched.

IN HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNUAL
LATINA HISTORY DAY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, I rise with Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD on be-

half of California Latinas and the work of Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) during "Women's History Month."

Latina entrepreneurs are a key economic engine for the state, generating \$19 billion in revenues and employing over 86,000 individuals in California. Latina-owned businesses fill gaps and serve community needs that other business owners have been unwilling or unable to meet. Their ability to provide culturally relevant services gives them a competitive edge in meeting the demands of a Latinx market with a purchasing power of \$1.7 trillion.

Latinas are being elected to public office and appointed to powerful positions. HOPE alumnae serve on the City Councils of California's largest cities: Los Angeles, Fresno, and Riverside. To date 220 have been appointed to serve on over 400 state and local government positions and 400 have served on over 1,200 non-profit boards.

We celebrate contemporary Latinas who continue to build upon the foundation of our ancestors for the betterment of future generations. We challenge each other through HOPE to ensure that Latinas achieve political and economic parity to benefit all communities and the status of all women.

Please join me in celebrating March 12, 2021 as the 30th Annual Latina History Day and, in congratulating Hispanas Organized for Political Equality, HOPE, for their service to the Latinas of this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS P. TIFFANY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Mr. TIFFANY. MADAM Speaker, I was undergoing a medical procedure and was unable to be present for several votes last week. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 64; NAY on Roll Call No. 66; NAY on Roll Call No. 70; and NAY on Roll Call No. 72.